

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, There are an estimated 3,900,000 children and adults with developmental disabilities in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Such people have severe chronic disabilities attributed to mental or physical impairment which begins early in life and results in substantial limitations to major life activities such as self-care, mobility, language, learning, and self-direction; and,

WHEREAS, People with developmental disabilities need interdisciplinary or generic services and treatment for extended periods of their lives; and,

WHEREAS, People with developmental disabilities have the capability to become more independent and economically self-sufficient; and,

WHEREAS, The services and expertise provided by professional personnel, parents, and concerned citizens enable people with developmental disabilities to participate more freely in education, employment and community living; and,

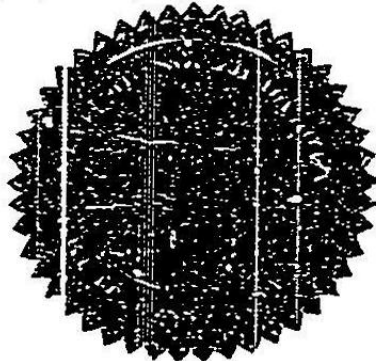
WHEREAS, Increasingly more people with developmental disabilities are living in the community enabling them to live less restricted lives; and,

WHEREAS, Through increased state and national awareness of such programs, the public will better understand the potential and needs of people with developmental disabilities:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 1990 as

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to observe the month by participating in appropriate programs and activities.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-First Day of February, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Joyce Hazeltine
JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE